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DIRECT STEAM COMMUNICATION.

How often have we written these words, so pregnant with important consequences, within the past five years? How often will it devolve upon us to write them in the future? The first is beyond what we care to compute. The second awaits a practical reply from the Government, and the Colonists eagerly listen for that reply. Our friends over the water have at last come out in their true character. They plainly tell us that they will have neither "air nor pair" in any line of ocean steamers which would extend their trips to this Colony—nay, that they will move Heaven and Earth, and, if need be—and which, by the way, is the more likely of three—Hell itself, in order to prevent ocean steamers coming on to this port, even at our own proper charges. They are honest enough about it now; and it is as well that we know the character of the men with whom we have to deal, or rather, those who, somehow or other, will insist upon mixing themselves up in our affairs, but with whom it is becoming plain enough we must not have any dealings. Having offered everything we could, in fairness and honor, by way of co-operation in subsidizing a line of steamers, there remains no alternative but to do for ourselves, and leave our piggy little sister out in the cold. Is this Colony to be cheated out of so inestimable a boon because Vancouver Island won't join us in paying for it and sharing the benefits? Is this big Colony to be bullied out of having a line of steamers, simply because, in order to get her legitimate rights, they must be wrested from a grasping, plundering, insulting little neighbor? Are we to be hindered from building up our maritime interests, and establishing a commercial emporium within our own Colony, because Victoria is determined to grasp both? We disclaim any desire to hurt a hair of Victoria's head; but we have a decided objection to allowing her to deplete us. We simply put the matter on the ground of fair play. What business have the people of Victoria, or any of them, if they could, to stop ocean steamers from coming here? They say 'tis nature hinders—that there is not a sufficient depth of water across the bar; that the ice would stop them in the river. Comparisons are said to be odious, but they are sometimes eminently practical, nevertheless. Portland is situated some one hundred and twenty miles up the Columbia River, with a terrific bar at its mouth, exposed to the unbroken fury of the open sea, and with 120 miles of indifferent river navigation, with shoals and rocky reefs upon which vessels frequently ground, rendering navigation both precarious and dangerous. Even now one of the California steamships, the Sierra Nevada, lies high and dry upon one of these reefs, and may very probably come off in the spring a worthless wreck. During the autumn it is no unusual thing for the steamers and ships to stick for days upon the numerous shoals in the river, while during the winter there is much ice, rendering it frequently impossible for shipping to reach Portland, and compelling the ocean steamers to land their freight and passengers at St. Helens, or even at Astoria, to get up to Portland as best they can. And, yet, with all these natural obstacles Portland has grown to be a thriving city of some eight or ten thousand inhabitants, and he who would assert that it is inaccessible to ocean steamers would be considered a fool. New Westminster is situated fifteen miles up the Fraser River. There is from 18 to 24 feet of water over the so-called "bar"; the entrance is sheltered by Vancouver Island, serving, as it does, as an excellent breakwater. Once over the bar, there is only fifteen miles of as good river navigation as could be desired, with a depth of water of not less than 30 feet, and plenty of room to beat up with sailing vessels, and with a tide sufficient to bring ships up in six or eight hours. Bad navigation, indeed! What, then, shall we make of the fact that one of Her Majesty's frigates of war, drawing 20 feet of water, steamed into our harbor, without experiencing the slightest difficulty? So far as obstruction from ice is concerned, only once in the memory of the "old inhabitant," has there been sufficient ice to hinder an ocean steamer from coming here. And even should the navigation be sealed up for a week or two every winter, there is our outer harbor of Burrard Inlet, always open, with ample depth of water and room inside for the combined fleets of Britain and France. Now that we have a light-ship moored at the Sand Head, and will, in the course of a week or two, have the channel marked with iron buoys, of the most

approved description, no exception can be taken to the navigation, whether it be considered with a view to ocean steamers or sailing vessels. What, then, is there to prevent ocean steamers coming here? Nothing but the feckless apathy of our Government and people, and the greedy meanness—the grasping nepotism of Victoria. We have, as a Colony, been guilty of allowing a few Victoria sharpshooters to jockey us out of our rights.

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." Had we paid less attention to the brayings of Victoria demagogues, and exhibited a more becoming appreciation of our own position and rights, we should have been found occupying a very different position to-day, both as respects the general commerce of the country, and the control of the trade of our new gold fields. But, thanks to recent changes, both Government and people have been aroused to the necessity for bold and decisive action, and the colonists now look to the Administrator of the Government to do his duty, promptly and unflinchingly, undeterred by considerations of expense, and uninfluenced by Victoria bluster and misrepresentation. The new tariff, and the Big Bend trade render direct steam communication a necessity. If money and determined action will bring steamers, we must have them; and if our Government should exhibit any indecision, at this critical juncture, it will devolve upon the people to give an expression of opinion which can neither be misunderstood nor disregarded. The people have submitted too long to be the mere sport of Victoria speculation and avarice. The moment for decisive action has arrived, and British Columbia expects that every man will do his duty.

New Advertisements.



Public Notice.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Lands and Works Office, New Westminster, up to noon of Saturday, the 27th day of January, next, for the construction of a Wagon-Road Bridge across the Quesset River, at Quessetmouth. Government propose as remuneration for this work, a Charter, granting the privilege of levying certain Tolls for a stated period. The competition, therefore, will be on the rates of Toll and the terms of Charter. Each tender should state distinctly the rates of Toll to be levied on passengers, freight, waggon, horses, mules, oxen, &c.; and for what term of years, dating from the completion and acceptance by Government of the proposed Bridge. At the expiration of the term of the Charter, all right in the Bridge to pass to Government absolutely. Plans and Specifications for the above work may be seen at this Office, on and after the 4th day of January next. With each Tender must be enclosed a Bond (forms of which may be obtained at this Office) of the person tendering, and of two responsible Sureties with him, for the payment to Government of Five Hundred Pounds (£500), conditional on the non-fulfilment by the Tenderer of the terms of the Tender, if accepted, within fourteen days from the date up to which Tenders are hereby invited. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and superscribed "Tender for Bridge at Quessetmouth." By Command, JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works and Surveyor General. Lands and Works Department, New Westminster, 1st December, 1865. dec1m

THE GOVERNMENT PIONEER BAKERY

CORNER LYTTON SQUARE,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs to inform the public that he has resumed the management of the above well-known establishment, and that he will conduct it upon the most liberal principles, and secure, he hopes, that liberal patronage extended to him in the early days of New Westminster. No pains will be spared to keep his customers always supplied with the best quality of bread. Cakes, Pies, &c., will be constantly kept on hand, and all orders will receive prompt and careful attention. PHILIP HICK. Nov. 1st, 1865. nol-1c

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Watch Maker

—AND—

WORKING JEWELLER.

OPPOSITE MR. HOLBROOK'S STORE,

Columbia Street, New Westminster.

A SPLENDID assortment of Clocks on hand.

Clocks and Watches cleaned and repaired, and warranted to keep time.

Orders from the interior are invited and will receive particular attention.

New Westminster, August 16th, 1865. to

New Advertisements.

THE GRAND PROMOTERS OF HEALTH. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

The grand secret of attaining happiness is to secure good health, without which life is stripped of all its pleasures. The first irregularity of any function should be checked and set right by appropriate doses of these fine purifying Pills, which strengthen the system by thoroughly cleansing the blood from all impurities. They balance disordered action, remove the cause of disturbance, and restore its normal and natural power to every organ, without inconvenience, pain, or any other drawback.

Derangement of the Bowels, Liver and Stomach Complaints.

This medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cures effected by its use are so wonderful, as to astonish everyone. Its pre-eminence as a remedy for bilious and liver complaints, and derangements of the stomach and bowels, is no longer a matter of dispute or doubt. In these diseases the beneficial effects of Holloway's invaluable Pills are so permanent and extensive that the whole system is renovated, the organs of digestion strengthened, and full and easy assimilation promoted, so that both physical and moral energy are increased.

Determination of Blood to the Head.

This is generally occasioned by some irregularity of the stomach and bowels, which, if not quickly attended to, frequently terminates fatally. A few doses of these famous Pills never fail to give tone to the stomach, regularity to the secretions, and purity to the fluids. Vertigo, dimness of sight, and other indications of approaching apoplexy, are entirely dissipated by a course of this admirable medicine.

The Female's Best Friend.

For all debilitating disorders peculiar to the sex and in every contingency perilous to the life of women, youthful or aged, married or single, this mild but speedy remedy is recommended with friendly earnestness. It will correct all functional derangements to which they are subject.

Scrofula and all Skin Diseases.

For all skin diseases, however inveterate, these medicines are a sovereign remedy. While the Pills act upon the blood, which they purify, the Ointment passes through the pores of the skin, and cleanses every structure, as water saturates the soil or as salt penetrates meat. The whole physical machinery is thus rendered healthy, regular and vigorous.

Coughs, Colds and Asthmas.

No medicine will cure colds of long duration or such as are settled upon the chest so quickly as these famous Pills. Even in cases where the first stage of Asthma has appeared, these Pills may be relied on as a certain and never-failing remedy, particularly if the Ointment be simultaneously well rubbed into the chest and throat night and morning.

Indigestion.—Bilious Headache.

These complaints may sometimes be considered trifling, but it should be borne in mind that, by inattention and neglect, they often end most seriously. Give early thought to a deranged stomach, take Holloway's Pills, rub his celebrated Ointment over the pit of the stomach, and you will shortly perceive a change for the better in your digestion, spirits, appetite, strength and energy. The improvement, though it may be gradual, will be thorough and lasting.

Holloway's Pills are the best remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

Ague	Female Irregularities	Retention of Urine
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Bilious Complaints	Fits	Sore Throats
Blotches on the skin	Gout	Stones and Gravel
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Colic	Indigestion	tic Douleurs
Constipation of the Bowels	Inflammation	Tumours
Consumption	Jaundice	Venereal Affections
Debility	Liver Com-	Worms of all kinds
Dropsy	plaints	Weakness, from whatever cause
Dysentery	Lumbago	&c., &c.
Erysipelas	Piles	
	Rheumatism	

Sold at the establishment of PROFESSOR HOLLOWAY, 244, Strand, (near Temple Bar) London; also by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in medicines throughout the civilized world, at the following prices:—1s. 1jd., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., 11s., 22s., and 33s. each Box.

* There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

N. B.—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each box. de2

TENDERS WANTED!

THE UNDERSIGNED, being always willing to act with the times, is delighted to inform the inhabitants of New Westminster that he can supply its residents during the Winter with

Beef, Mutton, Pork, Veal and Lamb,

at from eight to fifteen cents per pound, Cash on Delivery

I trust the inhabitants of this city will appreciate my efforts in introducing good and cheap Meat into this market.

My shop is situate on Front Street, next to F. G. Richard's Saloon.

Commodious stabling for Horses and Cattle by the day or month.

Oats and Barley always on hand, in quantities to suit.

JOHN DELANEY. New Westminster, 28th Sept. 1865. sep30 to

NOTICE.

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URIAH NELSON & CO. Port Douglas, May 2, 1866. ap20 to

New Advertisements.

WINTER GOODS. THOS. WILSON & CO.,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

BY EXPRESS,

A new and well assorted Stock of

Dark Winseys, Plaids, and other Dress Mater-

ials;

Ladies' and Misses' Black Cloth Mantles, New-

est Styles;

Winter Hosiery and Gloves;

Shepherd's Plaid, Tweeds, Melton and French

Broche Shawls;

Black Glace Silks, in all qualities.

— ALSO —

Table Covers, Turkish and Diaper Towels, Sheet-

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NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

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der, Ess. of Anchovies, West

India Pickles, &c., &c.

THE UNDERSIGNED has just received, "EX AN-

ADAMSON," from London, a consignment of the

above, which he will sell at low rates.

SALMON, SALT & SMOKED, CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

JOHN MURRAY.

Columbia Street, New Westminster.

sep13 to

DR. BLACK'S

(M. R. C. S., L. S. A.)

Can be Consulted Daily at his Resi-

dence, in the rear of Mr. Web-

ster's, and between Merivale and

Elliot Streets.

je27 New Westminster, B. C. to

MORROW'S ALE.

The undersigned is manufac-

turing a superior quality of

ALE,

which will be sold in quan-

ties to suit.

my20 to WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK.

NOTICE.

VALENTINE HALL begs to inform the public that

he has removed his Office to the Iron Building on

Liverpool Street, adjoining the Blizzard Saloon, where

he will attend to Real Estate and Commission Agency,

as usual.

New Westminster, 1st August, 1865. to

COLONIAL HOTEL,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

— 0000 —

Messrs. Grelley Brothers

Have added to their comfortable

Hotel and Restaurant,

A SPLENDID

Billiard Saloon,

In which will always be found the best

DRINKS AND CIGARS.

— 000 —

In connection with the above they have opened a Store

stocked with the choicest Brands of

WINES, LIQUORS,

ALES, PORTER,

BRANDIES, RUM,

CIDER, SYRUPS,

CORDIALS, BITTERS, &c.,

which they will sell by the bottle, gallon, or in case.

— ALSO —

THE BEST BRANDS OF

CIGARS,

Havana, Manila and Cheroots.

New Westminster, July 18, 1862. jy19

New Advertisements.

PROSPECTUS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA

COAL MINING COMPANY!

[LIMITED].

Incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, 1856, which limits the liability of cash shareholder to the amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL - - - - - \$100,000,

IN 2000 SHARES OF \$50 EACH, WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

100 A. SHARES have been issued as paid up shares to the promoters of the company, as the consideration paid them for their right to 600 acres of land, &c. The remaining 200 A. shares are reserved for the general benefit of the company. 700 B. shares to be issued to subscribers, subject to payment of \$2 per share at the time of subscription, and of calls of \$1 per share, per month, until \$15 in all shall have been paid, when the subscribers shall be entitled to certificates of fully paid up stock. The remaining 1000 C. shares are reserved for issue at par when the Coal Mine is sufficiently explored and proved.

DIRECTORS:

CAPTAIN JAMES COOPER, Chairman;

Hon. J. A. R. HOMER, M.L.C. W. CLARKSON, Esq.,

JOHN ROBSON, Esq. GEORGE DIETZ, Esq.,

SEWELL P. MOODY, Esq. JAMES VAN BRAMER, Esq.,

JOSIAS C. HUGHES, Esq. W. J. ARMSTRONG, Esq.,

JOHN PICKAVANT CRANFORD, Esq.

AUDITOR:

THOMAS MCKINNO, Esq.

BANKERS:

THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SECRETARY:

WILLIAM CLARKSON, Esq.

This company is organized for the purpose of exploring and mining for Coal, and boring for Coal Oil. The character of the sandstone at Burrard Inlet, its identity with the coal-bearing sandstone of Bellingham Bay and Nanaimo, and the numerous indications of Coal to be found at different places on the Inlet and on English Bay, make it nearly certain that Coal measures similar to those of Bellingham Bay and Nanaimo will be found at a reasonable depth.

The company have secured a reserve of 600 acres on Coal Harbor, Burrard Inlet; also a right to mine on 600 acres on English Bay, giving to the company a coal field of 1200 acres in extent, and the British Columbia Government has pledged its support in every reasonable way.

It is the intention of the company to immediately put down a bore for Coal—the strong probability being that in less than 90 days the ground will have been prospected and the company ready to sink a shaft and open a mine.

If the Coal croppings at English Bay or Burrard Inlet should be successful, as is usually the case, by thicker seams below, it must become an invaluable property. The position of English Bay and Burrard Inlet renders the harbors easy of access in all winds and seasons. The shore is bold, so that no long wharves or tramways would be needed, while the prices of Coal on the Pacific—averaging from two to three times the prices on the Atlantic—render the prosecution of Coal mining one of the most promising enterprises of the day.

The whole of the B. shares are now offered for subscription. The monthly calls on these will be adequate to meet the current expenses of prospecting; the subscribers to these shares incur a small risk, but they get a compensation—a \$50 share for the small sum of fifteen dollars.

Parties desirous of obtaining shares may be furnished with every information by applying to the Secretary, at the company's office, in New Westminster.

The company have engaged Mr. John Dick, a practical coal miner of many years' experience both in Scotland and Vancouver Island, to prospect and examine the locality of English Bay and Burrard Inlet. The annexed is his report:—

"To the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Coal Mining Company, Limited.

GENTLEMEN.—After a careful examination of several square miles of the country lying to the southward of Burrard Inlet, I take pleasure in being able to state that, although owing to the general irregularity and unbroken nature of the beds of strata there visible I have not been able to discover the outcroppings of any coal seam worthy of note, still there is every indication of the existence of such a seam at no great depth—say from 40 to 60 fathoms. Should my surmise prove correct there is no doubt (judging from the very trifling angle of dip and its freedom from faults and other dislocations of strata) that the field will be quite equal in extent to any yet discovered on Vancouver Island.

For the purpose of further proving the quality of the Coal and its depth from the surface, I would recommend that a series of borings be commenced at such places as, after further deliberation, I shall be prepared to point out. I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN DICK.

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NOTICE

AFTER THIS DATE, E. T. DODGE & CO. ARE not responsible for damage on Oils or Liquids shipped in Tin or Glass, unless by special contract made in writing in respect of such goods at the time of shipment.

E. T. DODGE & CO. my46 to

Port Douglas, May 4, 1865.

British Columbia Coal Mining Co.,

(Limited.)

A CALL of One Dollar per Share, payable at the company's office on or before the 1st day of February next, has been made. Punctuality of payment is requested.

By order of the Directors,

WILLIAM CLARKSON, Sec'y.

New Westminster, Jan. 2, 1866. ja3

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

This journal is published every Wednesday and Saturday, at the office, Lytton Square, New Westminster. Single copy, price 6d., or 12d. per quarter. Terms per quarter, 10s., or \$2.50. Subscriptions must be paid in advance. Copies of this paper can be had at the Book Store of Messrs. Clarkson & Co., Columbia Street.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Transient Advertisements, 2 inches and under, \$2 first insertion, and one dollar each subsequent insertion. Over two inches, \$1 per inch for first insertion, and half a dollar for each subsequent insertion. Special contracts with regular advertisements. Advertisements in order to ensure insertion, should be sent in before noon of the day before publication. All Advertisements for insertion in the British Columbian must be paid in advance. Those for longer periods than one month are required to be paid each month in advance. All Advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and no charge.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY

Conversations—Sapperton.

The British Columbian.

NEW WESTMINSTER, SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1866.

"THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE."

The speech delivered by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, in opening the third session of the Legislative Council, on Thursday, will be found in another column. To expect that a speech of so extended a character, touching, as it does, upon almost every important topic of the day, would come up to our expectations in every particular, and coincide with our views in every detail, would be unreasonable; and yet we can say, truthfully and heartily, that a more able and unexceptionable document has never emanated from the Government of British Columbia. Liberal in conception, and broad in its grasp, it at once stamps its author as a young statesman of no ordinary calibre. Having said this much in a general way, we will descend to particulars.

While admitting that "in all matters connected with the native race a large discretionary power must necessarily be left in the hands of the Executive" we are, nevertheless, convinced that the affairs of 50,000 Indians, scattered over a territory of 200,000 square miles, cannot be efficiently administered without the employment of an organized agency for that special purpose.

We were quite prepared to hear that the actual revenue of 1865 fell considerably short of the estimates, and we fully recognize the utility of most of the public works which have been carried out; but we cannot conceal the conviction that some of these works have cost more than the benefit they are likely to confer upon the Colony, as a whole, would appear to justify. But, upon this point we shall be in a position to speak more definitely when a statement of the expenditure for the year is before us.

A measure of retrenchment which contemplates a saving of \$30,000 in the public service, although we think, falling very far below what the circumstances of the Colony would appear to demand, will, as a preliminary step, go very far towards satisfying the public.

While fully concurring in "the importance of opening communication with the Upper Columbia, for the early spring traffic," and while congratulating the Executive upon the promptitude with which works so essential as the construction of a wagon road from Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry, and the providing of steam communication upon Kamloops and Shuswap Lakes have been undertaken, and while we hope to see similar energy displayed in providing a way of ingress to the new and important gold-field of Bridge River, we would desire respectfully to warn the Government against too prodigal an expenditure of revenue upon new roads to new gold-fields during the first year. We have seen, during the last six years, much revenue injudiciously squandered upon a system of haphazard road-making in the interior; and care should be taken to ascertain that lines of new road are judiciously located, and that the diggings with which they propose to communicate are of a character to justify the expenditure, before any large outlay of revenue would be justified. We would regret if these remarks should have a tendency to damp the energy of the Executive in opening up early communication with the new gold-fields now attracting so much attention; but we are painfully apprehensive that there is a possibility of plunging into wild and speculative road-making, under the exciting influence of new discoveries.

In proposing the abolition of the "Duty on the Export of Gold," the Administrator of the Government pays most graceful deference to public opinion, and earns for himself the esteem of a large class of our producers. In saying that he is as fully convinced as ever of the justice and equity of the Tax, he expresses not only our own view, but those of the most clear-sighted and disinterested politicians of the time, and when he recognizes "the paramount duty of the Executive to carry out, as far as possible, the well understood wishes of the community," he enunciates a principle which will go very far to reconcile the Colonists to the present form of Government—so long, at least, as its administration is in the hands of a liberal and enlightened statesman. Feeling convinced of the necessity of abolishing this Tax, under present circumstances, we congratulate the Administrator of the Government upon the wise course he has so

gracefully adopted, and we congratulate the country upon the happy results likely to flow therefrom.

The determination come to with respect to making it compulsory upon all classes of miners to take out licenses, is equally deserving of commendation; and we only regret that the Government did not see it to be their duty to adopt this course a year ago. This, the only constitutional means of reaching the Chinese population, has been delayed far too long. Yet, "better late than never." This measure, if faithfully carried out, will be the means of raising a considerable revenue from a class hitherto contributing much less than their fair proportion.

Considering that the revenue must be kept up, in order to carry on the various important undertakings so essential to the prosperity of the Colony, we do not see why the charge upon Trade and Liquor Licences might not be materially increased without undue pressure upon any class; nor do we see very clearly why a trifle more might not be charged for Mining Licences. A system of registration by which the Government would be enabled to obtain correct statistics of the yield of our gold mines is more important than most people appear to think; and we trust some plan will be hit upon, which will prove at once unobjectionable to the miners and productive of the desired result.

However much we might regret a step which would have the appearance of being retrogressive, we must admit that, in view of the various demands upon the revenue of the current year, it will be proper for the Legislature to consider whether, under all the circumstances, a bi-weekly mail service to Cariboo would be justified, especially in view of the necessity which exists for providing direct steam communication with San Francisco, and the importance of which we are glad to see recognized in the speech, although we could have desired to see this subject of subjects occupying even a more prominent place than it does.

The introduction and fostering of "a class of settlers likely to make this country their home" is indeed a subject worthy the most earnest consideration of the Legislature; and that object will be best promoted by the enactment of a good Homestead Law, and a system of free grants of land to all bona fide settlers.

While we agree with His Excellency that the existing laws are capable of meeting every requirement, yet it is painfully evident that they have not been so enforced as to meet the requirements of the miners, but have rather been made the medium of enriching the officers of the law, and impoverishing the miners in a corresponding degree. The miners will learn with satisfaction that the Administrator of the Government recognizes the magnitude of the evil of which they complain, and that a remedy is likely to be applied.

The alteration of our Pilotage Law is an important subject; and we hope the promised bill will provide for Salaries Government Pilots, with merely nominal fees, which shall be paid into the Customs Department and become a part of the general revenue.

The closing paragraph contains a very proper recognition of "Him by whom kings reign and Princes execute justice." It would be impossible, in the scope of one short article, to do anything like justice to all the ground touched upon in the speech; but with these cursory remarks we must dismiss for the present a document which, we feel assured, will be perused with satisfaction by all who are actuated by an honest desire for the prosperity of this Colony.

No STEAMER AND NO NEWS.—Owing to the fact that the steamer did not arrive from Victoria, and that there have been no later arrivals from up-river, and that the telegraph line has been down for several days, we have no news to lay before our readers to-day. The speech, in opening the Legislature, which we publish, will, however, make up for the paucity of news.

New Advertisements.

CONVERSAZIONE.

A Conversational Meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Sapperton, on Wednesday, the 24th January, when there will be exhibited a very excellent

MAGIC LANTERN,

With dissolving views, which has been kindly lent for the occasion, by the Lord Bishop of Columbia; to be followed by a

CHRISTMAS TREE,

For the Sunday School Children of Trinity Church, New Westminster, and St. Mary's, Sapperton, after which several gentlemen will address the meeting. There will be refreshments and music in the course of the evening and a Tea for the School Children.

The Children's Tea will commence at 5 p.m., and the amusements at 6. Admission, 5s. Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. Clarkson & Co.'s Bookstore. ja20td

Public Notice.

COLLINS' OVERLAND TELEGRAPH!

Western Union Telegraph Extension COMPANY.

NOTICES hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that this Company is not, and will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person whomsoever in its service or employ, (whether temporarily or otherwise), unless every such debt shall have been previously expressly authorized by either James W. Pittfield, Charles R. Burrage, or myself; who alone are empowered to contract any debts on behalf of the Company in British Columbia or Vancouver Island.

Dated Head Telegraph Office, New Westminster, 9th January, A. D., 1866.

EDMUND CONWAY, Assistant Engineer. ja10td

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE first General Meeting of the Shareholders of the British Columbia Coal Mining Company, Limited, will be held in the Hyack Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th day of February, at 2 p.m., for the election of Directors, and to receive the Auditors' report.

N. B.—Article 41 of Association, "No Shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any meeting unless all calls due from him have been paid, nor until he shall have been possessed of his shares one calendar month."

By order of the Directors,
WILLIAM CLARKSON, Secy.
New Westminster, Jan. 15th, 1866. ja17td

T. E. LADNER'S

Wholesale and Retail

FEED STORE,

FRONT STABLE, adjoining Woolcock's Wharf.

Just Received and for Sale:

100,000 lbs. Barley,
80,000 lbs. Oats,
200 bbls. National Mills Flour,
30 tons Timothy Hay,
10,000 lbs. Bayou Beans.

Thos. E. Ladner.

L. FISK.....B. GREENEBAUM.

FISK & GREENEBAUM,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

General Merchandise,

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Furs and Farmer's Produce taken in Exchange at Highest Market Rates. ja17td

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.	
GENERAL ABSTRACT, showing the average amount of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, taken from the several Weekly Statements for the Quarter ending 30th December, 1865.	
ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Legal Tender Coin in Gold and Silver \$108,448 43	Notes in circulation \$242,017 41
Gold and Silver Bullion 48,773 80	Balances due to other Banks & Branches 67,897 14
Gold and Silver Coins 31,093 63	Deposits not bearing interest \$22,073 42
Land and other real property 31,093 63	Do bearing interest 5,420 48
Balances due from other Banks & Branches 389,453 30	157,169 30
All claims due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange, and all Stock and other securities, and all other claims, for which the Bank is liable, 862,414 30	
Total amount of Assets \$1,500,993 15	Total amount of Liabilities \$1,500,993 15
Amount of Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ending 30th December, 1865, \$1,200,000	
Amount of the last Dividend paid, 10 per cent. per annum, \$120,000	
Amount of the Reserve Fund at the time of closing, \$18,448 43	
B. M. LANG, Manager. Wm. C. WARD, Accountant.	
Victoria, V. I., December 30, 1865.	

FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to return thanks to the inhabitants of New Westminster and the people of British Columbia generally, for their liberal patronage to the firm of Withrow & Tilley, and would now inform the Public generally that he has purchased Mr. Tilley's share of the business, and begs to solicit their patronage as heretofore.

He will endeavor to keep always on hand a fine assortment of Furniture of every description. Hair, Pulp, and Straw Mattresses on hand and manufactured to order. A variety of Picture Frame Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate now in stock. An assortment of Willow-ware on hand.

Also; the only dealer in Doors and Window Sashes. He will always endeavor to keep an assortment suitable for this market on hand. Also; on hand a consignment of the celebrated Grand Star Organ Pianos, which will be sold at a slight advance on cost.

DAVID WITHROW,
COLUMBIA STREET,
New Westminster.

DIARIES FOR 1866.

FOR the Pocket, the Counting-House and other purposes, at
G. C. CLARKSON & CO.'S.
no22td

New Advertisements.



Public Notice.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the General Post Office, New Westminster, up to 12 o'clock (noon) of the 25th day of January, 1866, for the conveyance of Letters, and the usual Government Mail matter, through British Columbia, for one and two years, from 1st March, next, on the following conditions:

1. From 1st May, 1866, to 1st November, 1866, Mails to be dispatched from New Westminster to Williams Creek and intermediate stations, with a branch from Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry, every Saturday, arriving at Williams Creek on or before the tenth day, and a Mail to be dispatched from Williams Creek once a week.
2. During the winter months, from 1st November, 1866, to 30th April, 1867, a Mail to be dispatched from New Westminster to Williams Creek, and vice versa, three times a month, at intervals of not less than ten or more than twelve days.
3. Tenders are also required for a bi-weekly service, from 1st May, 1866, to 1st November, 1866, leaving New Westminster every Saturday and Wednesday, and arriving at Williams Creek on or before the tenth day, with a branch from Cache Creek to Savana's Ferry; and a return Mail leaving Williams Creek for New Westminster twice a week.
4. During the winter months, the Mails to be dispatched from New Westminster to Williams Creek, and vice versa, once a week.
5. The Contractor to furnish at least two approved sureties in the sum of £1,000 for the bona fide character of his tender, and for the due performance of his contract, and to be subject to the usual conditions of Government postal contracts.

All further information necessary can be obtained at the General Post Office, New Westminster.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
WARNER R. SPALDING,
Postmaster General, B. C.
New Westminster, December 22d, 1865. ja6td

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A Light Ship has been moved in the Straits of Georgia, off the South Head of Fraser River. A bright fixed light will be exhibited from sunset to sunrise, which will be visible in smooth weather a distance of ten or eleven miles. The vessel is manned about two cables W. S. W. from the South Head buoy, leaving a clear channel between them.

A large steel ball will be continually rolled on board, during thick or foggy weather. Caution is hereby given, that no vessel will be allowed to anchor within three quarters of a cable length from the Light Ship, and attention is drawn to the Harbour Regulation Ordinance of 1865.
JAMES COOPER, Harbour Master.
New Westminster, 5th January, 1866. ja6td

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Company will be held on Thursday, the 11th of January, next, at the Board Room, Smith's Building, Victoria, V. I., at two o'clock, at which time and place a proposition for the voluntary winding up of the Company will be considered.
By order of the Directors,
JOHN J. COCHRANE, Secretary.
Victoria, V. I., Dec. 30, 1865. ja6td

HICK'S HOTEL,
New Westminster.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having leased the above establishment solicits a share of the Public patronage.

Meals and Beds, 50 Cents.
Board & Lodging per week, \$8 00.

W. E. STEIN.

New Westminster, Jan. 9th, 1866.

The Hot Spring Property for sale; apply on the premises, to G. Purcell or to W. E. Stein, at Hick's Hotel. ja10td

Public School Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that from the 1st January instant, the Tuition Fee charged in the New Westminster Public School will be One Dollar a month for each child in attendance, instead of One Dollar and a half, as heretofore.

CHAS. WYLDE,
W. D. FERRIS,
J. T. SCOTT, TRUSTEES.
New Westminster, 1866. ja10td

New Advertisements.

EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY
In securing a Knowledge of
CLEGG'S SYSTEM
OF
BOOK-KEEPING AND WRITING!

CITIZENS of New Westminster and vicinity, are notified of my present intention to make New Westminster my home, so long as I receive patronage sufficient for a livelihood.

Book-keeping, properly done, should show a TRUE RECORD of one's business, as a mirror shows a TRUE PICTURE of man's physiognomy. Such I propose to do by a simple and plain mode of Double-entry Book-keeping, which is the only true and correct way to keep a set of books. It will answer the Farmer, the Mechanic and the Tradesman as well as the Merchant.

Persons wishing books opened, kept or posted—either by Single or Double-entry, accounts made out, documents copied, together with such other writings as may be desired, would do well to try the undersigned, at his office, the second door north of the Columbia Hotel. Instructions given either in Single or Double-entry Book-keeping.

REFERENCES, BY PERMISSION:

Clarkson & Co., Books, Stationery, etc., Merchant.

John Murray, Grocer.

W. J. Armstrong, General Trader & Grocery Merchant.

John A. Widner, Clerk.

Also, do refer to M. F. Stevens, Yale.

Hibben & Carswell, Victoria.

New Westminster, Jan. 6th, 1866. ja10td

Grouse Creek Flume Company, Limited.

NOTICE OF CALL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a meeting of the Directors of the above Company, held Nov. 29, 1865, a further call of FIVE DOLLARS per share was levied, payable within 21 days after Dec. 29th, 1865, to the Secretary, at the Office of the Company, on Fort Street, Victoria, V. I.

J. P. CRANFORD, Secretary. ja3

ANDERSON & Co.,

HAVE NOW IN STOCK and will keep continuously by Express Porter and Ale, Martell and other Brandy, Scotch Whiskey, Rum, &c.

Wharf St., Victoria. oc31

Coal! Coal!! Coal!!!

Just Arrived, per Str. "Fideliter," from NANAICO, a large supply of SUPERIOR

SCREENED DOMESTIC COAL!

which will be sold cheap for cash.

Apply to H. HOLBROOK, Agent for the Coal Company, Pioneer Wharf. ml23

COUGHS, ASTHMA, AND INCURABLE CONSUMPTION

are effectually cured by

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES.

FOR HALF A CENTURY this well-known remedy for Pulmonary Disorders has successfully stood the test of public approval, and its usefulness has been extended to every clime and country of the civilized world. This is a fact of which the gold fields of Australia, the backwoods of America, and the valleys of India, during this long period they have witnessed the cures of numerous inferior rivals, and are now the acknowledged antidote of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c.

Prepared and sold in Boxes and Tins of various sizes, by THOMAS KEATING, Chemist, &c., 79, St. Paul's Churchyard, London. Retail by all Druggists and Patent Medicine Vendors in the World.

N. B.—To prevent spurious imitations, please to observe that the words "KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES" are engraved on the Government Stamp of each Box, without which none are genuine. ja63m

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

WHARF STREET,

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

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CROQUET.

SEVERAL SETS OF CROQUETS FOR SALE AT CLARKSON & CO.'S Book Store. oc20

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia.

In Bankruptcy.

IN THE MATTER OF FRANCIS GILBERT RICHARDS, a BANKRUPT.

Whereas a petition for adjudication of bankruptcy, has been duly filed on the 8th ultimo, by Francis Gilbert Richards, of New Westminster, Saloon Keeper, and he having been adjudicated a Bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to Matthew Baillie Begbie, Esq., Judge of the said Supreme Court, for a first examination, on Thursday, the 18th day of January, instant, at 10 o'clock in the morning precisely, and on Thursday, the 8th day of February, next, at eleven o'clock in the morning precisely, at the Court house, New Westminster, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and effects, when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts, and at the first sitting choose assignees, and at the last sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Bankruptcy. All persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. Oliver Hare, the Official Assignee appointed by the Court.

OLIVER HARE, Official Assignee.

JER'H NAGLE,

SHIPPING AGENT & CUSTOM-HOUSE BROKER,

CREWS shipped for foreign and coasting vessels. Manifests and Charter Parties drawn out. Permits made out and passed at the Custom-House. Vessels bought, sold and chartered. Office on Front Street, next door to Scott's Saloon. ja6td

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NEW WESTMINSTER, SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1866.

OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SPEECH :

You will find the Estimates contemplate a large outlay in the construction of roads and trails to facilitate

THE WEATHER continues extremely wintry and cold. The frost was very severe on Wednesday and Thursday, but it moderated considerably yesterday, with a fall of snow towards evening. There is a good deal of floating ice in the river opposite the city.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.—We learn from our English exchanges that Her Majesty the Queen has sanctioned the publication of the correspondence of King George III. with Lord North, between the years 1769 and 1782. The letters are in the Royal library at Windsor.

New Westminster, Dec. 5th, 1865. Master.
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SOLE AGENTS FOR

NAPOLEON CABINET CHAMPAGNE,
 Bouche, dry, "
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 Lognac's and Preller's Claret,
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Junction of Wharf and Johnson Streets
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Ex Schooner "CROSBY,"

FROM PORTLAND DIRECT,
AND FOR SALE:

573 Boxes Apples,
31,487 lbs. Bran,
42,300. " Midlings,
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SPECIAL NOTICE!

MEN'S COATS, TWEED SUITS, AND IN-
verness Capes, a large assortment, for
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ARTHUR BULLOCK.
Baltic Shirts, Drawers and Underclothing,
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Fine and Nailed Boots, Gaiters, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, a large assortment, at

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Winsey, Plaid, and Stuff Dresses, a great

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Ladies' Cloaks, Shawls and Skirts, a choice

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First-rate Cigars, eight for \$1.00, for sale at
ARTHUR BULLOCK'S,

Opposite Colonial Restaurant.
New Westminster, Nov. 14, 1865. no15 to

SHERIFF'S SALE!

By virtue of a Writ of Extent and Inquisition and Judge's order issued out of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, and to me directed, in the cause of

Her Majesty the Queen
AGAINST

Francis Gilbert Richards,
I have seized and taken in exe-

cution the undermentioned property, viz :

Lot IV, Block XXIX,
 " V, " XXIX, and the south
 Western half of " XI, " XXX,

All in the city of New Westminster; together with all and

singular, the messuages, easements and appurtenances thereunto respectively belonging:

which property I shall sell by
Public Auction, at the County-
Court House, at 12 o'clock noon

Court House, at 12 o'clock, noon,
on Saturday, the 20th day of
January, A. D., 1866, if not

previously disposed of by private sale.

P. O'RIELLY,

High Sheriff.
New Westminster, Jan. 3d, 1866. ja6³

